

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4–12 and 15–24 are pending. By this amendment, claims 1, 12, 23 and 24 are amended.

Claims 1, 12 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 5,812,769 to Graber et al. ("Graber"). Claims 4 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Graber in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,995,099 to Horstmann et al. ("Horstmann"). Claims 5 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Graber in view of Horstmann and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,052,736 to Ogle et al. Claims 6–8, 17–19 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Graber in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,128,279 to Muller et al. and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,321,242 to Fogg et al. ("Fogg"). Claims 9, 10, 20 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Graber in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,751,956 to Kirsch et al. Claims 11 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Graber in view of Fogg. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 4–12 and 15–24 Are Allowable Over the Cited References

Claim 1 recites a method for forwarding a web address to another web address in a network and recites, in pertinent part, "receiving a request destined to a first web address including a domain name and a uniform resource identifier (URI)," "determining a forwarding uniform resource locator (URL) that corresponds to the domain name," "combining the forwarding uniform resource locator (URL) and the uniform resource identifier (URI) to form a second web address without changing the uniform resource identifier" and "redirecting the request to the second web address." Claims 12, 23 and 24, as amended, are directed to a computer-readable medium, an apparatus and a system, respectively, and recite similar subject matter. Applicants respectfully submit that the references cited by the Examiner fail to disclose these features.

Graber is directed to a method for redirecting a user from a first location on the world wide web to a second location on the world wide web using relative URL addressing. In the April 1, 2004 advisory action, it is asserted that Graber discloses "appending an identifier to a URL", referring to Fig. 6, items 660 and 670, col. 12, lines 43-58. However, it is not relevant whether Graber discloses "appending an identifier to a URL", since this is not recited in the

claims. Instead, the claims recite "combining the forwarding uniform resource locator (URL) and the uniform resource identifier (URI) to form a second web address without changing the uniform resource identifier". Gruber does not disclose combining a forwarding URL and the URI to form a second web address without changing the URI, as recited by claims 1, 12, 23 and 24.

Accordingly, claims 1, 12, 23 and 24 are allowable over the cited references. Claims 4–11, depending from claim 1, and claims 15–22, depending from claim 12, are also allowable, at least for the reasons discussed above. Consequently, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the pending rejections.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks submitted above, Applicants respectfully submit that the present case is in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4294 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

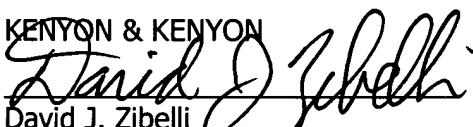
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